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TOPIC	Air Activity Observed Over Danzig (Gdansk)		
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- During the period from 12 to 25 April 1954, intensive air activity was observed over Danzig (Q 55/34 U:CF 4727). Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 13 April, when the weather was clear, numerous single-engine fighters, allegedly Yaks, were seen flying individually or in formations of twos, threes and fives in the following patterns:

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- b. x x x or xx •
- c. x
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The aircraft came from the direction of Danzig-Langfuhr (34 U:CF 4329) airfield, made a wide circle over the Danzig Bay approximately as far as Hela (34 U:CF 5853), and from there again headed south flying at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters. The approaches were made without intervals. About 50 aircraft were seen. Once, up to 20 aircraft were simultaneously aloft. All of the aircraft wore the Polish nationality marking.

- The next flights over Danzig harbor were observed on 21 April between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. About 25 aircraft approached from the south from the direction of Langfuhr. One of the aircraft definitely was a single-engine aircraft with the Soviet nationality marking. It flew individually and at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. The other aircraft also were single-engine planes but with the Polish nationality marking. There was the same formation flying over the Bay of Danzig as on 13 April.
- Air activity was most intensive on 23 April between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Up to 50 aircraft were observed aloft at the same time. They mostly flew in three and sometimes in five-ship formations. The formations approached

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almost without intervals coming from the direction of Langfuhr and, after flying over Hela, departed toward Langfuhr. All of the aircraft were of the same single-engine type. No firing practices were observed.

Comment. It is believed that only one Polish air unit with single-engine piston aircraft is stationed in the Danzig area. The unit is a ground attack regiment which is located in Elbing. The regiment is probably equipped with Il-2s or Il-10s which may easily be confused with Yak fighters by laymen.

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